

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

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21 A closure for containers having an opening, comprising substantially rigid supporting and sealing means for insertion in a container opening, and a covering body made of flexible and resilient plastic material which covers at least a portion of and is connected to the supporting and sealing means, and is adapted to close the container opening. The supporting and sealing means comprise an upper and lower support and sealing element operatively joined together to support the covering body in a longitudinal direction to prevent elongation of the plastic material of the covering body.